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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Deborah A. Raizen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE 03/04/2004 and third and fourth IDS.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 15-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 15-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 18 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 4, 2004, has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 12, 18/12, and 19/12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aoki (5,721,641, cited in applicant's Third IDS of March 4, 2004).

In regard to claim 12, Aoki discloses a zoom lens (Fig. 1) comprising, in order from an object side to an image side:

a first lens unit (G2) comprising a plurality of lenses (L21-L23), said first lens unit being arranged to move during variation of magnification (col. 1, lines 45-48); and

a second lens unit (G4) of positive refractive power,

wherein said second lens unit comprises (a) an image-stabilizing means (L41; col. 2, lines 40-42) and an image is displaced by moving said image-stabilizing means (col. 2, lines 40-42), and (b) a stationary lens element on the image side of said image-stabilizing means (L42; col. 3, lines 46-48), and

wherein said second lens unit is stationary during variation of magnification (col. 1, line 44).

In regard to claim 18/12, in the Aoki zoom lens, the image-stabilizing means is an image-stabilizing lens subunit (L41 is a subunit of G4F, which is a subunit of G4).

In regard to claim 19/12, Aoki discloses a photographing apparatus comprising:
a zoom lens according to claim 18 (zoom lens 100 of Fig. 1, as explained above for claim 18, and col. 6, lines 38-39); and
a casing holding said zoom lens (col. 6, lines 38-39; a camera is a casing holding a lens and an image pickup device).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-11, 15-17, 18/(15-17), 19/18/(15-17) are allowed.

See the paper no. 1203 for an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance (NOA 12/04/2003).

Also note that the references submitted in applicant's third and fourth information disclosure statements do not disclose the limitations recited in claim 1: "a first lens subunit of negative refractive power ... has a component of motion in a direction perpendicular to an

optical axis of said zoom lens,” in combination with all the other limitations of the claim.

Furthermore, the references submitted do not disclose the limitations recited in claims 15 and 17:

“an extender optical system is insertably and detachably disposed in a position on the image side of said image-stabilizing means,” in combination with all the other limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah A. Raizen, Ph.D., J.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-2336. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (a part-time schedule).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Georgia Y. Epps can be reached at (571) 272-2328. The USPTO central official fax number is (703) 872-9306 (please note that this number is different from the previous two numbers provided until the summer of 2003).

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